

South Dakota State Library

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“Read Across South Dakota With Between the Lions!”

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Greetings Summer Reading Librarians!

In an effort to promote summer reading and an all-around enjoyment of reading, South Dakota Public Broadcasting and the South Dakota State Library have teamed up to bring you a unique summer reading program opportunity. From June 5th to June 9th, Leona from “Between the Lions” will be traveling with Wess Pravecsek and Steve Rokusek from the Education and Outreach Department at SDPB, and Jasmine Rousey, Children’s & Youth Services Coordinator at the SDSL. They will be bringing popular children’s show character Leona to visit with the children, as well as fun ideas for games and activities. In addition to this program for children, they will also have information for parents about childhood literacy and PBS’s *Ready To Learn* program. The *Ready To Learn* Program is a nationwide Public Broadcast System (PBS) that educates parents and caregivers about the appropriate and educational use of their popular children’s television programs.

If you would like to be one of the ten libraries that they visit statewide with this program, **please return the attached application to the South Dakota State Library by April 21, 2006.** Every public and/or school library is eligible to apply whether or not they hold a formal summer reading program. This year’s summer reading program theme is “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales” and perfect for Between the Lions. Libraries will be chosen based on a demonstrated community need for and commitment to the program. Priority will also be given to those libraries with minimal summer reading program budgets. Those ten libraries, which are selected, will be notified by May 5, 2005. If you have any questions about this program or the competitive application process, please contact Jasmine Rousey at the South Dakota State Library, Mondays through Fridays between 8-5 p.m. (CT). Her phone number is 1-800-423-6665 and her email is jasmine.rousey@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Rousey
Children’s & Youth Services Coordinator
South Dakota State Library

“Read Across South Dakota With Leona!” Program Information

Program Dates: June 5-9, 2006

Program Time: morning or afternoon; two communities per day – program will last approximately 1 hour

Program Description: Wess Pravecek and Steve Rokusek from the Education and Outreach Department of SDPB and Jasmine Rousey, Children’s & Youth Services Coordinator have teamed up to create a unique summer reading programming opportunity. This year’s summer reading program theme is “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales” and this is a perfect way to help kick off your program.

This summer, they will be traveling the state visiting ten libraries. At each library they visit, they will present a children’s program that will appeal to children ages 4-10 years. The program will promote summer reading in general and in particular will be a celebration of reading and the library with Leona from “Between the Lions.” The 60-minute program will consist of a storytime, ideas for crafts and activities, as well as a special visit by the Leona character herself and Buddy the SDPB Children’s mascot. Also included will be information for parents about SDPB’s educational *Ready To Learn* Program, which promotes the educational and appropriate use of their popular children’s television programs.

Cost of program to libraries: No fee.

Who is eligible to apply: Any school or public library in South Dakota is eligible to apply regardless of whether or not they have a formal summer reading program. Priority will be given to those libraries with limited summer reading program budgets.

When is the application deadline: Applications must be received by **April 21, 2006** in order to be considered. Chosen libraries will be notified of their acceptance by May 5, 2006.

Completed applications should be sent to:

Jasmine Rousey
South Dakota State Library
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2294

Questions about the program and application process should be directed to: Jasmine Rousey, Children’s & Youth Services Coordinator at the South Dakota State Library. Her phone number is (605) 773-3131 or 1-800-423-6665. Her email is:
jasmine.rousey@state.sd.us

“Read Across South Dakota With Arthur!” Program Application

Application must be returned to the South Dakota State Library by:

April 21, 2006

Please send completed application to:

Jasmine Rousey

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Pierre, SD 57501-2294

1. Library Name: _____
2. Library Location: _____
3. Library Contact Name: _____
4. Contact Phone Number: _____
5. Does your library hold a summer reading program? Yes/ No (*Please Circle One*)
6. If so, please describe your summer reading program. (In addition to reading, do you also offer summer program activities at your library, like game and/or craft days?)
Please attach additional pages as necessary.
7. What is your budget for summer reading programming and activities?
8. On average, how many children participate in your summer reading programs?
9. Please describe how you will integrate this program into your library’s program? (For example, will you involve the local school district in some way? Will you feature “Between the Lions” in a display? Will you give away a free books that promote the library or reading? Etc.) *Please attach additional pages as necessary.*